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# The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events  
For York County Extension Volunteers

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## Future Calendar Events

June 3, 1PM	Let's Talk Walks: Perennials at Maymont Gardens
June 7, 9AM-1PM	Master Gardener Advanced Training Lawns at St. Joan of Arc Church, off Rt. 17
June 7, 6:30 PM	4-H Chrysanthemum Project First Pinch, YC Grounds Maintenance Bldg
June 13, 9:30- 11:30	Monthly Extension Program Meeting
June 14, 9:30-11:30	Summer Landscape Series – 113 Pinepoint Rd, Williamsburg
June 20-25	Master Gardener College - Blacksburg
June 21, 12-1PM	WHRV 89.5 Gardening HearSay
June 26-30	4-H Summer Camp

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact YCE Office at 890-4940, or Kris Wessler at 988-0616 or e-mail [jwessler@earthlink.net](mailto:jwessler@earthlink.net) (put Green Thumb in the subject line). Ignore the computer-generated notice from Spamblocker. The deadline for *The Green Thumb* is ALWAYS the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify YCE Office. We want to keep all communication channels open. Any changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

### ***Master Gardener Mission Statement***

*Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.*

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## Notes from Jim

Congratulations to Sybil Przypek and Cheryl Guardia for being honored by the York County Board of Supervisors as Outstanding Volunteers in the York County Extension program. The Board honored Sybil and Cheryl on April 18 at a regular meeting of the Board for their outstanding work in their programs. Sybil was recognized for her initial work to secure the Learning Garden as an educational tool for the public and her continued work to develop the Garden. Cheryl was recognized for her work with two 4-H community clubs, the Jr. Master Gardener Program, and continued support of Safety Town. Please recognize them when you see them. I want to thank all Master Gardeners for their support of the program no matter what the contribution. Enjoy the volunteer picnic on Saturday April 29 from 11:30 until 2:00. Location is listed on the flyer.

### Master Gardener College June 20-25 Va Tech Blacksburg, Virginia

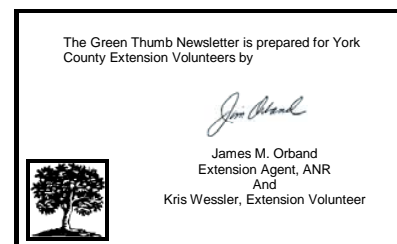
Master Gardener College is an excellent opportunity for education, exchanging ideas, seeing the resources at our land grant university, and meeting other Master Gardeners throughout the state. The Extension Office is able to help you to support a part of your registration fee. Please consider attending the Master Gardener College. Talk to others that have attended. Nothing has been posted to the website yet, but continue to monitor [www.vmga.org](http://www.vmga.org) or <http://www.hort.vt.edu/mastergardener/>. I think that the features of this Master Gardener College will be great and trust that you might be able to take advantage of it. Please let Jim Know that you are interested in attending by sending an e-mail to [orbandj@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:orbandj@yorkcounty.gov).

*Jim*

From Jody I just wanted to tell you all that I was so happy to see many of you last week at my going-away party. I have so enjoyed working with all of you. So many of you are more like family to me. I thank you for all of your horticulture recommendations, (and from some of you, quilting tips), and especially for your support throughout the years to help me complete my part of the mission of this office. I have learned so much from so many of you. What a great place to work this is. I will miss you all! You can all keep up with me by e-mailing me ([jody@purplejalopy.com](mailto:jody@purplejalopy.com)). You can see some of the work we are doing by visiting [www.purplejalopy.com](http://www.purplejalopy.com). I will keep in touch through Jim, and of course visit the office when we pass through town. Best wishes to you all this year, and thank you all for your well wishes, cards, and gifts. *Jody*

Address Change Jody Painter, 5007-C Victory Blvd STE 131, Yorktown VA 23693

Landscape Extravaganza Planning is underway for the October 7th Landscape Extravaganza at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. This half-day event focuses on fall planting, winterizing the garden and tools, etc. The planning committee will be calling on other Master Gardeners in the near future to ask for volunteers to help out on the day of the Extravaganza. All of the usual positions are available (moderators, set-up/take down crew, registration desk, etc.) and your help would be appreciated to make this half-day event a huge success. If you can assist, please contact the coordinator, Pat English at [pjenglish@cox.net](mailto:pjenglish@cox.net).



### Historical Yorktown Beautification Container Planting Project

HONOR AMERICA'S PAST. . . PLANT FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE" will be the theme for the Historical Yorktown Beautification Container Planting Project. Colorful containers will be placed throughout the Historical area in anticipation of the 225th Anniversary of Cornwallis' surrender to George Washington which took place on October 19, 1781. This event is the start of the Jamestown - Yorktown 2007 Historical Triangle Commemoration.

The Container Planting Project is expected to take place on May 13, 2006 (Rain Date is May 20th) from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. York County's Junior Master Gardeners, 4-H Cloverbuds and Master Gardeners will be planting 38 containers with the American's Anniversary Garden red, white and blue colors. Plant materials will include annuals, perennials, small shrubs and the Yorktown's Snowflower Trees. The Planting Project will take place at the "staging area" at the corner of Buckner and Main Streets in Yorktown just a short walk up the hill from the parking garage and restrooms.

We anticipate 25-30 Junior Master Gardeners and 4-H Cloverbuds and 10-15 York County Master Gardeners will be helping with planting the containers. A parent for each child is strongly encouraged to be present for this event. Junior Master Gardeners and 4-H Cloverbuds should make reservations with Mr. Joel Bunn, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent - 4-H ([jpbunn@vt.edu](mailto:jpbunn@vt.edu)/890-4940). Refreshments will be served and each child will receive gardening gloves and a trowel which they can take home. The Daily Press and a TV station are expected to provide coverage. For more information: *Evelyn Parker* ([parkerew@aol.com](mailto:parkerew@aol.com)/868-0496) or *Clare Britcher* ([clarewb@cox.net](mailto:clarewb@cox.net)/867-7970)

The 2006 Summer Landscaping Series The locations are arranged for five great gardens. These garden tours should be of interest for all York County MGs. We will be visiting near Williamsburg, Poquoson, Gloucester, and in Kiln Creek. The dates and venues still to come are: May 10 at Bill and Ellen Calles's home at 200 Brentmeade; May 24 at Cam Williams' farm on Dunham Massie Road in Ware Neck; June 14 at Gordon and Sherrie Chappell's home at 113 Pinepoint Rd, Williamsburg; and finally July 12 with Newport News MG Bill Garlette in Kiln Creek at 900 Holbrook Dr. All dates from 9:30-11:30a.m. E-mails with details of each of these visits will be sent for your review. Come and enjoy. Happy Gardening. *Hank Scheele*

2006 4-H Chrysanthemum Project On April 25, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., at the York County Extension Office, the Chrysanthemum Project Orientation will take place. MG's interested in helping with the program please come to that meeting or contact Nancy Beadling at 872-7695 or [Nbeadl@msn.com](mailto:Nbeadl@msn.com). We especially need more MG's to help with planting at the first session on May 25, 2006. The registration for youth ages 10-15 ends May 18<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$20. Thanks! *Nancy Beadling*

Advanced Lawn Team Training The Lawn Team is in for a treat. Larry Riddick, our own Master Gardener extraordinaire, will present with Jim the Advanced Training on June 7 at St. Joan of Arc. Larry will discuss establishment and maintenance of turf type tall fescues. New Master Gardeners who wish to participate in the Lawn Clinics are required to attend this training, and it is recommended that other Lawn Team Members also attend for a review. Call if you have questions or want to attend. 857-9539 or [cjtolson@earthlink.net](mailto:cjtolson@earthlink.net) *Carol Tolson*

Horticultural Therapy Group at York Convalescent Center 113 Battle Road, Yorktown, VA 23692

The next session will be Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 10:15 AM. Please contact me to volunteer, or if you have any supplies to donate: 766-1788(H), 810-8532(C), or e-mail [leepropmgt@cox.net](mailto:leepropmgt@cox.net). Volunteers are needed to pick up donated flowers from florist shops in the area and to prepare floral supplies the day before. Please bring clippers or scissors and some greenery/flowers from your garden if possible. If you are looking to purchase flowers locally, please consider using the vendors who have continually and generously supported this program: Floral Fashions in Poquoson, Yorktown Flower Shoppe, and Farm Fresh at Kiln Creek and in Grafton. Thanks to all the volunteers who regularly participate. You are appreciated!! *Anita Lee*

Folding Pocket Magnifier Excellent quality lenses and mounts combine to make this long-lasting magnifier the ideal pocket unit. Double lens setup gives two different powers of magnification 5X and 10X (total 15X). Lens diameter: 25 MM. \$6.50 each. The MG Training Class will be giving the 2006 guest speakers a folding pocket magnifier as a gift. Magnifiers will be available in September. If you would like to have a magnifier, please send me your name. *Evelyn Parker* (parkerew@aol.com/868-0496)

Using the Phone Resources in the Office Knowing all of the resources in the Extension Office is important when you are manning the phones for Jim. I am conducting a training session on Tuesday, 6 June, from 9:30 to 12 noon in Jim's office at the Extension Office. The maximum attendance is 5 people. We will get an in-depth look at the office resources which will prepare you for researching an answer. We will discuss the master files, the library, the publications, the computer resources, and more. To register call 890-4940 or email jorband@vt.edu. GET YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTER for this important training! You may contact me directly at 867-6761. See you soon. *Natalie Hutchinson*

York County's Bird FanFair York County's Bird FanFair has **migrated** to a NEW time and place!! This 4-H community event will now be held on **Sunday, May 21st, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm**, in the large meeting room at the **Tabb Library**. It will feature student artwork, several stand-alone displays, and some cool craft projects that explore various aspects of wild birds. For more information, contact Jody Turner, [turnertribe@cox.net](mailto:turnertribe@cox.net), 867-1135 or Joel Bunn at the office.

York County Master Gardeners to be Recognized at Master Gardener College Congratulations to all the hardworking volunteers who achieved a Milestone Award for hours volunteered during 2005. They will be recognized at the Master Gardener College this June. These volunteers are eligible for free tuition at the college. In addition, Dave Close authorized one year carryover of the free tuition from last year to this year. Please see Jim for details.

250 Hours Lillian Lach, Judy Lange, Dottie Poniatowski, Hank Scheele, David Taylor, Helen Truskett, Jody Turner.

500 Hours Joanne Andrews, Clare Britcher, Janet Ledebuhr, Marge Schenck.

1000 Hours John Dickens, Terry Hanson,

3000 Hours Jackie Lohr

Spring Garden Walk At Maymont Tuesday, May 9, 5:30pm, Maymont Grounds & Gardens. A Maymont horticulturist answers your gardening questions and introduces you to flowering plants on this evening stroll through Maymont. \$10/\$8 for members. Registration required by May 8; call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

New! A Mother's Day Tea at Maymont Saturday, May 13, 3pm, Maymont House Museum. Celebrate Mother's Day at Maymont! Bring your own mother, daughter, or friends to a Victorian tea party on the lawn at Maymont House. Assisted by costumed ladies and gentlemen, a proper Victorian lady serves a traditional tea and talks about famous mothers of the era-their customs and manners. Young and old alike will enjoy this program along with the lovely delicacies and activities included. \$20/\$17 for members. Register by May 10; call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

Maymont's Let's Talk Walk: Perennials Saturday, June 3, 1pm, Maymont Grounds & Gardens. "Where is that fragrance coming from?" and "What kind of plant is that and where can I get one?" Learn the answers to these and other frequently asked flowering plant questions during this casual evening stroll with a Maymont horticulturist. Find out which perennials will add color and fragrance to your garden and pick up tips on their care and maintenance. \$10 per person/\$8 for members. Registration required by June 2; call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4 9:30 Learning Garden Mtg Env Sci Bldg	5	6 Plant Sale 9-11 Learning Garden
7	8	9 6:30pm Plant Health Clinic at Polaris Dr/Tabb	10 9:30-11:30 Summer Land- Scape Series 200 Brentmeade	11 9:30 am Learning Garden	12 9:30am 4-H Chrysanthemum Project-volunteer practice session at Extension Off.	13 1-3pm York- town Container Planting Project
14	15	16 9:30m MG Monthly Planning Mtg – St. Luke's	17 1200-WHRV 89.5FM HearSay Garden Show	18 9:30am LG 10:00 am Plant Health Clinic at King Richard Ct/ Queenslake	19	20
21 2-5 Bird FanFair/Tabb Library	22	23 10:15am Hort Therapy at York Convalescent Ctr	24 6:30pm Plant Health Clinic Waterfowl Dr. Lakes of Dare	25 9:30 LG 6:30pm 4-H Chrysanthemum Project startup mtg.	26	27
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